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upon the laws of formation of the lunar craters by the systematic examination which Dr. EBERT has made of the comparatively small amount of data at his disposition. A careful study of a set of lunar photographs would add greatly to the materials available for such a discussion.

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SCIENTIFIC VISITORS TO THE LICK OBSERVATORY.

The great refractor of 25 inches aperture made by COOKE for the late Mr. NEWALL of Ferndene, Gateshead, England, has been presented to the University of Cambridge by his family, in accordance with Mr. NEWALL'S wishes, and generous provisions have been made for installing the telescope at Cambridge. Mr. H. F. NEWALL, a son of the donor, has volunteered to give his services for a term of years as Astronomer.

Before beginning his work Mr. NEWALL desired to inspect the great observatories of the world, and he has not hesitated before the long journey to California, in order that he might study the equipment of the Lick Observatory, and particularly the mounting and performance of the great equatorial. The rainy season of California obligingly postponed its coming this year a month later than usual, and although our visitors were on a short allowance of water, they had excellent observing weather. The spectroscope for the NEWALL telescope will be provided by a grant from the BRUCE fund, and will contain some, at least, of the admirable features of the Lick Observatory instrument.

A letter lately received from the Earl of ROSSE announces that he will visit Mount Hamilton during the present winter. This is the second visit of Lord ROSSE to the United States.

The Prussian Government proposes to equip the Potsdam Observatory with a giant-telescope in order that the admirable spectroscopic observations of Professor VOGEL may be extended to the stars of the 4th and 5th magnitude. Before ordering such a telescope Professor AUWERS, Secretary of the Royal Academy of Sciences of Berlin, will be sent by the Government to inspect various astronomical establishments. Among other places, he will visit the Lick Observatory some time during the coming summer. To all our distinguished visitors the astronomers of Mt. Hamilton extend a hearty welcome.

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